

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed 20 March 2007, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-21. The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) and has allowed claims 2 and 4-21.

Applicant has canceled claims 1 and 3 herein, rewritten claim 2 in independent form, and claims 2 and 4-21 remain pending.

Rejection of Claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gawa et al. (US 6,090,330) in view of Brown et al. (US 3,698,797).

Applicant has canceled claims 1 and 3 by amendment herein.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has allowed claims 2 and 4-21. Claim 2 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 1.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee determined to be due in connection with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0869 (MICI 1003-2).

Respectfully submitted,

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